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SETTING UP OF MINI, MICRO AND SMALL POWER PROJECTS IN NER
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the policy of the Government has shifted focus of setting up of community owned mini, micro and small power projects in the North Eastern Region to light up rural house-holds in the region;

(b) if so, the decision taken to promote such projects; and

(c) the steps taken to implement the scheme, indicating the number, location and power capacity of the plants set up and to be set up under the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Government of India is according high priority for development of mini, micro and small hydro-electric projects along with development of the large hydro electric projects. The development of small hydro-electric projects upto 25 MW is under the purview of the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. The Ministry of Power and its Public Sector Undertakings like the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) and North Eastern Electric Power Corporation (NEEPCO) are supplementing the efforts of the Ministry and the State Governments in identification/implementation of mini, micro and small hydro-electric projects. These projects help in electrification of remote villages in different locations besides serving as focal points for decentralized generation. Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is encouraging local body, community, NGO participation in setting up of mini-micro Hydel projects. They are also providing special incentives to cover upto 90 per cent of the project cost for micro hydel projects upto a capacity of 1 MW in the North-Eastern region. This grant is given to State Government/State Agency setting up such projects.

(c) : 91 small hydro projects (upto 25 MW) with an aggregate capacity of 152.75 MW have already been set up in various States of the North-Eastern Region and Sikkim and 55 Projects with an aggregate capacity of 135.90 MW are under execution. Based on information received from various States and studies conducted by Central Electricity Authority, the Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources have identified 1059 Mini Micro and Small hydro electric schemes in the various States of North Eastern Region and Sikkim, with an aggregate capacity of 2028.34 MW. State-wise break-up is given below :

Sl.No.	State	Proj. Set-up	Projects On-going	Identified		Potential	
		Nos.	Capacity(MW)	Nos.	Capacity(MW)	Nos.	Capacity(MW)
1.	Arunachal Pra.	44	32.10	20	44.31	492	1059.03
2.	Assam	1	2.00	10	51.11	46	118.00
3.	Manipur	7	4.70	4	3.50	96	105.63
4.	Meghalaya	3	30.71	9	3.28	98	181.50
5.	Mizoram	15	14.76	3	15.50	88	190.32
6.	Nagaland	7	19.87	5	11.00	86	181.39
7	Tripura	3	16.01	-	-	8	9.85
8.	Sikkim	11	32.60	4	7.20	145	182.62

Total	91	152.75	55	135.90	1059	2028.34	